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WASHINGTON COMMISSIONER TO SPEAK
AT FORESTRY AWARDS BANQUET

MISSOULA, Mont.---

The Commissioner of Public Lands for the State of Washington since 1956 will be the featured speaker at the School of Forestry awards banquet Thursday evening (May 1).

Bert Cole, Washington land commissioner for the past 13 years, will speak on the careers in the natural resource field and the responsibilities of the graduate forester planning to enter the field.

The banquet annually honors outstanding UM foresters with scholarships and awards. This year the awards total more than \$1,000.

Cole attended Western Washington State College and received his B.A. in sociology from the University of Washington, Seattle, in 1935. Prior to his election as commissioner of public lands, he was a grade and junior high school principal in Washington and owned a logging business.

Since 1956, Cole has been reelected three times to the post and is a member of the Advisory Council to the Federal Public Land Law Review Commission.

The Forestry Board of Visitors, which meets Thursday, also will attend the banquet. At the board meeting, members of the forestry school staff and Gareth Moon, State Forester of Montana, will present reports on university and forestry school changes and current research activities in forestry.

Dave Bunnell, a UM forestry senior, will be master of ceremonies for the banquet which begins at 6:30.

Dave Moscioni, Xi Sigma Pi president and banquet chairman, said that tickets are available at the School of Forestry and cost \$3.75 per person. Reservations should be made by Thursday morning. Xi Sigma Pi is an honorary fraternity for foresters.

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